

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held in the W-13A Conference Room at the USDA Rural Development State Office, 655 Parfet Street, Lakewood, CO 80215.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Thomas Stafford, Director, Cooperative Marketing Division, Cooperative Services, RBS, USDA, Stop 3252, Room 4204, 1400 Independence Ave. SW, Washington, DC 20080-3252, telephone (202) 690-0368. (This is not a toll free number.) E-mail: tstaff@rurdev.usda.gov. The Federal Information Relay service on 1-800-877-8339 may be used by TDD users.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Board of Directors for the National Sheep Industry Improvement Center is developing a strategic plan, as required in the legislation establishing the Center. The Board sought input into policy objectives that will guide the Center's assistance in strengthening the Nation's sheep and goat industries through three public hearings and in written comments. The hearing records and additional comments will be used as input in developing the strategic plan. The board is not looking for specific proposals or additional input at this time.

The Board has tentatively decided to locate the headquarters of the National Sheep Industry Improvement Center in the Denver area. Federal space has been located in the Denver suburb of Lakewood. The Board will tour the potential site to make final approval of the office space.

**Authority:** 7 U.S.C. 2008j, Pub.L. 104.130.

Dated: July 2, 1997.

**Wilbur T. Peer,**

*Acting Administrator.*

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## BROADCASTING BOARD OF GOVERNORS

### Sunshine Act Meeting

**DATE AND TIME:** July 11, 1997; 9:30 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

**PLACE:**

9:30-11:00 a.m., Sheraton Imperial, 4700 Emperor Blvd., Bull Durham Room—First Floor, Durham, NC  
3:00-5:00 p.m., North Carolina State University, Main Conference Facilities, Ground Floor, McKimmon Center, Raleigh, NC

The members of the Broadcasting Board of Governors (BBG) will conduct an open forum from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. entitled "Communicating America's Interests Abroad: Challenges and Opportunities for U.S. International Broadcasting." Senator Jesse Helms will participate in the forum and provide the opening remarks. Guest panelists will include William Friday, President of the University of North Carolina, Dr. Jan Keohane, President of Duke University, Dr. Robert Stevenson, Kenan Professor of Journalism of the University of North Carolina, and Jim Goodman, President of Capitol Broadcasting Company in Raleigh.

All guests, including the public, will be invited to participate in a discussion

on the role of U.S. international broadcasting into the 21st century. Such dialogue should assist the Board in focusing its mission at the dawn of a new century.

The Board will conduct a preliminary meeting from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. primarily to prepare for the afternoon forum. A variety of other primarily housekeeping matters, such as approval of the minutes of the prior meeting, will also be covered.

**CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Persons interested in obtaining more information should contact Brenda Thomas at (202) 401-3736.

Dated: July 3, 1997.

**David W. Burke,**  
*Chairman.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Economic Development Administration

#### Notice of Petitions by Producing Firms for Determination of Eligibility to Apply for Trade Adjustment Assistance

**AGENCY:** Economic Development Administration (EDA).

**ACTION:** To give firms an opportunity to comment.

Petitions have been accepted for filing on the dates indicated from the firms listed below.

#### LIST OF PETITION ACTION BY TRADE ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE FOR PERIOD 05/17/97-06/25/97

Firm name	Address	Date petition accepted	Product
Team One USA, Inc. ....	1844 Poulsbo Avenue, Keyport, WA 98345.	05/21/97	Marine Patrol Craft.
Headwear U.S.A., Inc. dba Identity Headwear.	5830 Woodson Drive, Mission, KS 66285.	06/13/97	Headwear—Ball Caps and Visors.
Carolace Embroidery Company, Inc..	501 Broad Avenue, Ridgefield, NJ 07657.	06/25/97	Schiffli Embroidery and Venise Lace.
Twinplex Manufacturing Company.	840 Lively Boulevard, Wood Dale, IL 60191.	06/12/97	Tubes for Consumer Battery Shells Drawn of Alloy Steel.
Prodigy Advanced Repair Technology Corporation.	104 South Missouri, Suite 202, Claremore, OK 74017.	06/18/97	Automobile Collision Frame Straightening Equipment.
Metropolitan Machine Company	75 West Street, Medfield, MA 02052.	06/18/97	Metal Stamping Parts Used in Motor Protectors, Compressors and Air Conditioning Units.

The petitions were submitted pursuant to Section 251 of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2341). Consequently, the United States Department of Commerce has initiated separate investigations to determine whether increased imports into the United States of articles like or directly competitive

with those produced by each firm contributed importantly to total or partial separation of the firm's workers, or threat thereof, and to a decrease in sales or production of each petitioning firm.

Any party having a substantial interest in the proceedings may request

a public hearing on the matter. A request for a hearing must be received by Trade Adjustment Assistance, Room 7315, Economic Development Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, DC 20230, no later than the close of business of the

tenth calendar day following the publication of this notice.

The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance official program number and title of the program under which these petitions are submitted is 11.313, Trade Adjustment Assistance.

Dated: June 25, 1997.

**Anthony J. Meyer,**

*Coordinator, Trade Adjustment and Technical Assistance.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[Docket 57-97]

#### **Foreign-Trade Zone No. 77—Memphis, TN Area; Application for Subzone Status; Komatsu America International Company (Construction Equipment Parts), Ripley, TN**

An application has been submitted to the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the Board) by the City of Memphis, Tennessee, grantee of FTZ 77, requesting special-purpose subzone status for the construction and mining equipment parts distribution facility of Komatsu America International Company Inc., located in Ripley, Tennessee. The application was submitted pursuant to the Foreign-Trade Zones Act, as amended (19 U.S.C. 81a-81u), and the regulations of the Board (15 CFR part 400). It was formally filed on June 30, 1997.

The Komatsu facility (640,000 sq. ft. on 54 acres) is located on U.S. Highway 51 at 108 N. Industrial Drive, Ripley, Tennessee, some 50 miles north of Memphis. The facility (330 employees) is used for storage, inspection, packaging and distribution of a wide variety of parts and components for construction and mining equipment, such as engine parts, equipment, vehicle parts, electrical/electronic components and instruments. About half of the parts are sourced from abroad and over 25 percent are exported. Plant activity also includes the occasional packaging or assembly of parts into kits or subassemblies, but the applicant has indicated that any such activity conducted under FTZ procedures would not result in a lowering of tariff rates.

Zone procedures would exempt Komatsu from Customs duty payments on foreign parts that are reexported. On its domestic sales, the company would be able to defer duty payments until merchandise is shipped from the plant. The application indicates that the savings from zone procedures would

help improve the plant's international competitiveness.

In accordance with the Board's regulations, a member of the FTZ Staff has been designated examiner to investigate the application and report to the Board.

Public comment on the application is invited from interested parties. Submissions (original and three copies) shall be addressed to the Board's Executive Secretary at the address below. The closing period for their receipt is September 8, 1997. Rebuttal comments in response to material submitted during the foregoing period may be submitted during the subsequent 15-day period (to September 22, 1997).

A copy of the application and the accompanying exhibits will be available for public inspection at each of the following locations:

Office of the Executive Secretary,  
Foreign-Trade Zones Board, U.S.  
Department of Commerce, Room  
3716, 14th & Pennsylvania Avenue,  
NW, Washington, DC 20230.  
U.S. Department of Commerce, Export  
Assistance Center, 22 North Front  
Street, Suite 200, Memphis, TN  
38103.

Dated: July 1, 1997.

**John J. Da Ponte, Jr.,**

*Executive Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[Docket 56-97]

#### **Foreign-Trade Zone 168—Dallas/Fort Worth, Texas, Area; Application for Expansion**

An application has been submitted to the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the Board) by the Dallas/Fort Worth Maquila Trade Development Corporation, grantee of FTZ 168, requesting authority to expand its zone to include two sites in Gainesville (Cooke County), Texas, adjacent to the Dallas/Fort Worth Customs port of entry. The application was submitted pursuant to the provisions of the Foreign-Trade Zones Act, as amended (19 U.S.C. 81a-81u), and the regulations of the Board (15 CFR part 400). It was formally filed on June 27, 1997.

FTZ 168 was approved on November 1, 1990 (Board Order 491, 55 FR 46974, 11/8/90) and has been expanded four times (B.O.'s 603, 873, 885, 886). The zone currently consists of six sites in the Dallas/Fort Worth, Texas, area:

*Site 1* (24 acres)—industrial area at Alta Mesa and Will Rogers Boulevards, Fort Worth;

*Site 2* (263 acres)—Centreport Industrial Development, south of DFW International Airport, Fort Worth;

*Site 3* (195 acres)—Fossil Creek Business Park, I-35W and I-820, Fort Worth;

*Site 4* (91 acres)—Regency Business Park, Post & Paddock Road, Grand Prairie;

*Site 5* (630 acres) within the 1,200-acre Mercantile Center, located at I-35 and Meacham Boulevard, Fort Worth;

*Site 6* (168 acres) Frankford Trade Center, I-35E and Frankford Road, Carrollton.

The applicant is now requesting authority to expand the zone to include two industrial parks (642 acres total) located in Gainesville (Cooke County), Texas, some 50 miles north of the Dallas/Fort Worth Customs port of entry: *Proposed Site 7* (185 acres) Corporate Square Industrial Park/Armco/National Industrial Center, 3333 North I.H. 35; and, *Proposed Site 8* (457 acres) Gainesville Municipal Airport, 2300 Bonnavilla Drive. The sites are owned by the City of Gainesville, though certain parcels have been sold to individual businesses. Zone services will be provided by the FTZ Operating Company of Texas.

No specific manufacturing requests are being made at this time. Such requests would be made to the Board on a case-by case basis.

In accordance with the Board's regulations, a member of the FTZ Staff has been designated examiner to investigate the application and report to the Board.

Public comment on the application is invited from interested parties. Submissions (original and 3 copies) shall be addressed to the Board's Executive Secretary at the address below. The closing period for their receipt is September 8, 1997. Rebuttal comments in response to material submitted during the foregoing period may be submitted during the subsequent 15-day period (to September 22, 1997).

A copy of the application and accompanying exhibits will be available for public inspection at each of the following locations:

U.S. Department of Commerce, District Office, 2050 N. Stemmons Fwy., Suite 170, Dallas, Texas 75258

Office of the Executive Secretary,  
Foreign-Trade Zones Board, U.S.  
Department of Commerce, Room  
3716, 14th & Pennsylvania Avenue,  
NW., Washington, DC 20230